**Milk requirement in the Country**

4446. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) the total milk requirment per year in our country;

(b) the number of cows and buffaloes required to meet this requirement;

(c) to what extent is the requirement met presently; and

(d) the steps taken to see that the demand is fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) The total milk requirement in the country (based on Indian Council of Medical Research recommended nutritional requirement of 220 Gram per capita per day for the year 1995-96) works out to about 74 Million tonnes, against the total milk production of about 66 million tonnes.

The average milk productivity per day per cow and buffaloes in the country is estimated as 2.28 kg. & 3.71 kg. respectively. There is hence considerable scope for improvement. The requirement of milk could be met by in creasing the productivity of available number of cows and buffaloes through planned scientific breeding programmes.

(d) Various steps/programmes have been undertaken for increasing the milk production to fulfil the demand for milk, such as:—

1. Genetic improvement of nationally important cattle breeds by selective breeding in their hometracts and upgrading in other selected areas.

2. Cross-breeding of non-descript cattle with exotic dairy breeds.

3. Genetic improvement of important buffalo breeds by selective breeding and upgrading of non-descript buffaloes in other areas.

4. Development of feed and fodder resources.

5. Organisation of effective animal health service to support the production programme.

6. Implementation of Operation Flood Programme.

7. Integrated dairy development for non-operation hilly and backward areas; and

8. Technology Mission on Dairy Development.

**Production and Export of Milk**

4447. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been additional production of milk during the last one year in the country;

(b) whether there is a ban on the export of milk and other dairy products;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to lift the ban on the export of dairy products to earn foreign exchange; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Milk Production is expected to reach the level of 68.00 Million Tonnes during 1996-97 from 66.00 Million Tonnes (provisional) for 1995-96.

(b) to (d) Export of milk and milk products is allowed subject to quantitative ceilings or licences.